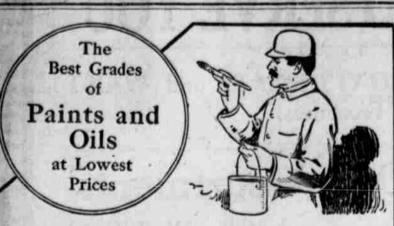
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Esther's Wireless

By MARY PARRISH

(Copyright, 1917, by W. G. Chapman.) "Well, she can't go on this way much

Mrs. Flint gave her opinion with an air of finality that was entirely convincing to Mrs. Baker on the other side of the fence. In fact, Esther Marvin had for some time furnished a topic of conversation to the inhabitants of the small New England town.

Time was when it was considered quite the fashionable thing to send one's daughter to Miss Marvin's School for Young Ladies; but that was some nine years ago when Miss Marvin's social position as the daughter of the lately deceased judge not only gave her influence in her own circle, but derstand why it should be utterly preserved as a sort of lure to those a trifle lower in the social scale. When the judge died, leaving his wife and daughter nothing after his debts were paid, to the surface. The expedition met but the fine old house on the hill, Esther decided that the best thing she could do was to convert the big billiard room into a school room, and try to litles in the southern Chinese territory, make a living for her mother and herself by utilizing her college education as a teacher. The change in their fortunes told heavily on the frail little mother, who two years later drifted on Howard March decided to return. He to a less material world leaving her had picked up enough of the Chinese daughter to face the problem alone.

The school prospered, but aside from her loneliness, Esther had another problem to face. She was a staunch, years been interested in the study of couragious soul, and she did not waver. Before her father's death Esther had Memphis and points as far south as become engaged to Howard March. Erin, and for Louisville, Cincinnati The alliance had been approved of by the love of adventure. So passing the judge for March was his old from Calcutta he one day found himfriend's nephew, and he believed he self in Darjeeling on the borders of saw in the young man energy and strength of character sufficient for him strange country, whose mysterious, to make an honorable career. Esther loved him as only such a deep, true nature can. They were to be married No. 93 carries through sleepers to in about four months, when March told Atlanta, Macon, Jacksonville, St. her of an expedition he had been asked



Flogged in the Public Square.

off the coast of China. It meant a great opening for him, and Esther told ranged he should wait for them which the United States, willing or him he must go. He urged an immediate marriage as he must sail in three weeks if he accepted. But her mother they did not appear in two w strongly opposed the hurried wedding. Judge Marvin had been dead only a few weeks, and she felt that her daughter regular subscription price is \$1.00 was now being torn from her. Esther attitude, March was for giving up the expedition, when Esther prevailed upon him to go.

"We can wait, dear," she said. "It imprisoned. will only be about three months before flogged in you are back."

"I hope it will not be longer," he an- knew swered, "but we can never set an ex- tur act time, and sometimes we may get away so far from a post office, you may not hear from me in weeks."

"I shall always know you are t' ing of me, and are coming back aink-"Always think that, dear

always be true." Howard March d three moaths, but

adj not return in from him. Sor sheard regularly short, but actimes the fetters were had more when they balted, and he with . leisure, they were long, filled accounts of his travels, and al-

As breathing a devotion which comed to increase rather than lessen by absence. After about eight months by nosence. After assort the last one had by food enought in the house for antold of starting on a trip into a wild, unexplored country, and as the weeks means of communication. But when the weeks lengthened into months, and the months into years with never a word from him she knew not what to word from him she knew not what think, Those who had known him had China, he added; "That night your settled it that either he had been killed voice came to me with such a thrill, by savages, or had chosen to remain I said I will get away—yes I will make away. Esther would not accept either a try for it, if they kill me. I heard

of these conclusions. She was firm in you say, 'I want you!"

Let belief that he would return.

Esther's persistent belief in the ce
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They thought me mad but—I

Bound March berns to be it was true."

regarded as a mild form of mania. In a small town where the closer contact with our neighbors, it would seem ought to breed a stronger love and tolerance it more often happens that criticism magnifies their peculiarities and exaggerates their faults. So it was that Esther's stubborn bellef that March would return, in the face of all reasonable proof to the contrary grew in the minds of the townspeople from mania to insanity; and when an in-timate friend told another intimate friend that Esther Marvin had said she sent Howard March a "wireless" then it began to be whispered about in confidence that an insane asylum might not be a remote possibility.

Careful parents began to withdraw their daughters from the school. The attendance gradually dwindled till one day Esther with a kind of dull despair closed the schoolroom, and sat down to wonder what next she could do, for the little money which had of late been coming in was lessening fast. She could not understand why the school after years of prosperity had failed. Not for one instant did she dream of the real cause. Her faith in the return of the man she loved, and her belief that she would yet reach him with her own "wireless" was to her so true and convincing she could not quite unposterous to others,

But what of Howard March? These are the facts, as they afterward came with failure on the island where they had expected to start the tea plantation. They were told of better opportunso they went there, secured some land, and started their project. Not understanding well the ten culture, again they failed, and all of the men but language to speak it quite well, and he wished to explore further, and to see something of India, for he had for occult things, and the dreamy atmosphere of the Orient had strengthened the desire. But stronger than this was the "Forbidden Land," Tibet, that marvelous capital is ruled by the "Dalai Lama," vice-regent of Buddha on earth, upon whose countenance no stranger may look and live.

March had been warned that it not only foolish but fatal to try penetrate much further into Tibet; b. one day he fell in with two Englishmen who had been commissioned by the British government to survey as far as possible into the interior. March stirred to enthusiasm by their project, asked to join them, and was gladly accepted.

They started out disguised as Chinese merchants. Two of their prayer wheel covers concealed surveying instruments, which were taken out for use when the coast was clear; and hastily hidden when a native appeared. Meanwhile March industriously twirled Cotton his wheel, plously murmuring his devotions, so that no questions would be asked; for the Oriental will never interrupt the prayers of the faithful.

Nothing but tough physical fiber, and high courage could have taken Spec them over the arid sands, and the almost inaccessible mountain peaks and gorges, but one day they arrived within sight of the wonderful walled city of Lhasa. Its splendid roofs and turrets rose on a series of hills to an enormous height, crowned by the beautiful palace of the grand lama.

"Now," said Blake, "we've seen Lhasa, and are still alive, let us turn back at once,"

But Stirling, the younger man, a March were for trying to go nea Blake firmly refused, and it was point some ten miles back. Hall the records of the survey. e took and if was to go on to Darjeeling. ceks, he wait.

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ad again The two men went o night were within a A, F and toward .er of 1 ands of the ed by the curious A band of pligrip and to Aring Power. they managed to as we ge gring in, and the next instr senter with them. But at they wate seized and For tw a days they were day St the public square. The third arling was executed. March ma next. He was It was, his to sing his prayer . rheel, maving in the atterval put up ar i searmest prayer in æn a Buddhist monk his own tengue, wi paused, and spoke . to him. He asked if he would like to join the brother-, would, and that day hood. He said he was liberated, an d went to live in the monastery. It + seemed a miracle to March, but all h e could even find out was that he has I been "chosen," He soon found it w ould be certain death

went on. Esther sat ale one in the dreary house. The day was dying, snow flakes had begun to float . lown, and there was no fire on the hea rth. There was scarceother day, but she did not mean that anyone should know. The front door went by without any tidings Esther bell rang. She rose slowly and opened went by without any still beyond any the door. A thin, bronzed man stood took her in his arms, and cried: "Es-ther!" Thou she knew.

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